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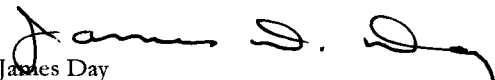
Dear Air Board-

As an area resident that is not too concerned of safety issues from the Potomac River Generating Station, I am writing to show my support for its continued service to those who are dependant on the electricity produced. This is one of the few power plants that still uses coal, which cannot be as harmful as other power plants which are nuclear or use very costly oil from foreign countries. If the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality gives it a good rating, then likewise it should be done by Virginia's Air Board. Enough public funding has been spent in trying to stop what is called stack merge and I cannot understand why. Mirant, the owner of the power plant, has upgraded this facility with modern technology using millions of dollars of their own money to provide them with continued electricity using all safety precautions and I commend them.

I am not one to go out and advocate for issues that are not close at heart for me so I write to ask that my tax dollars not be spent any longer on stopping them from doing our community a much needed justice. That is to simply make sure that our immediate environment does not contaminate us with harmful pollution. You would do well in not continuing an injustice of denying them their responsibility. I am disabled and well into my seventies and cannot pay more taxes fighting those who wish to do good.

This power plant serves millions of people and it has been upgraded with the latest in technological gadgets to help lower pollution in this area. Stopping progress with my tax dollars is not my idea of using public funding properly. I think this plant should stay and since the owners are making upgrades like the stack merge, let them do it.

Sincerely,


James Day